

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed are a~~ A system and method of ~~controlling~~ may be used to control a communication adapter, such as a network adapter, in response to a sleep message generated by a power management system. In response to ~~a~~ receiving a sleep message, the speed of a clock signal controlling the communication adapter may be reduced to place the communication adapter in a lower power state. One method includes determining whether the communication adapter is operating at a higher power state (e.g., a data rate or clock speed over a threshold). If the communication adapter is not operating at the higher power state, the communication adapter may be placed in the lower power state. If the communication adapter is operating at the higher power state, the clock speed of the communication adapter may be lowered and the communication adapter may then be placed in the lower power state.

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING COMMUNICATION ADAPTER
IN RESPONSE TO SLEEP MESSAGE